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Wallops Boat Basin Ready for Oversized Loads



A crane on the dock is used to load the Pathfinder on a barge.



A small tug pushed the barge from the boat basin to the waterway.

Wallops Boat Basin, located next to the the NASA Visitor Center Complex, is ready for heavy duty action. Construction of two barge docks and other related improvements took place over a six-month period from June through November 2008.

The barge docks will be used to transport oversized test articles, payloads, and hardware from the Wallops Main Base by water down the coast to Wallops Island rather than by road. This is important as there are approximately 295 overhead cables that cross the roadway from the Main Base to the Island. The total cost for the project was approximately \$1.3M.

The project manager was Paul Bull, NASA Wallops Facilities Management Branch. The inspector was Tim Mulcahy, Computer Sciences Corporation. The project were designed by Transystems and constructed by VT Griffin and Waterfront Marine.



Photos by Rebecca Powell and Peter Turlington

The barge is maneuvered down the coast to Wallops Island where it is unloaded at the Island docking facility.

TRI CE Missions Meet Minimum Success

Black Brant XII 40.018 and 40.022 UE

Dec 10, 2007 from Andoya Rocket Range, Norway

Craig Kletzing, University of Iowa

Although both missions experienced subsystem failures each achieved minimum success. The overall mission also achieved minimum success. This is particularly true because both rockets were launched within two minutes of each other and gathered simultaneous measurements of the Earth's cusp region.

We thank the NASA Wallops Flight Facility for successfully carrying out this challenging mission and for gathering this unprecedented, dual rocket data set.



March is Irish American Heritage Month



St. Patrick's Day Party

Tuesday, March 17
5 p.m. at the Rocket Club

Tip-toe through the clover
and be Irish for awhile.

Green beer and free food

Sponsored by the Wallops
Exchange and Morale
Association, Morale Activities Committee.



St. Patty's Day Pong Tournament

Tuesday, March 17
Rocket Club, Bldg. F-3
Sign-ups 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
Games begin at 5:30 p.m.

\$3 per person. Teams must have two
people. Games will be tournament style.
Contact Sarah at x2283 or Katie at X2107.
Sponsored by the Wallops Young
Professionals.

"Good manners will open doors
that the best education cannot,"

.....Clarence Thomas

Did you know...

Wallops Aerobics Club classes
start with gentle limbering
motions to warm muscles before
stretching.

Wallops Shorts.....

Aircraft Office

NASA's P3-B aircraft and science team returned to Wallops March 6 after a successful High Winds mission to Goose Bay, Canada. The next mission, Arctic Ice Bridge, will provide remote sensing data in specified locations over Greenland and the Arctic Region to capture changes in the ice-sheet, glaciers and sea ice. This mission is from March 30 to May 7.

Sounding Rockets

Wallops personnel are at Poker Flat Research Range, Alaska, to support the launch of a Black Brant XII. The launch window will close March 30.

Balloons

The Balloon Program Office's super-pressure balloon has been selected as one of the NASA March Madness missions. All employees are encouraged to participate in the voting for this Wallops project to move to the next bracket that starts on March 19. The website link for the brackets and voting is: <http://www.nasa.gov/externalflash/missionmadness/bracket.html>

Academic Achievement Awards Presented

The Wallops Black History Club presented Academic Achievement Awards to three local students during the annual banquet held on February 21.

Awards were presented to:

Tynette Colmon, a student at Arcadia High School in Oak Hall, Va;

Marquis Smith, a student at Nandua High School in Onley, Va; and

Christian Billie, a student at Holly Grove Christian School in Westover, Md.

Two of the students will be pursuing careers in computer science and one in biomedical engineering.

Spring Cleaning

The NASA Visitor Center has a collection of books/publications that are available to anyone interested.

Some of those available include:

**From Runway to Orbit
History of Spacecraft
Realizing the Dream of Flight
Rockets and People
The Birth of NASA**

If you would like one of these books or would like to check out the collection, contact Deanna at the Visitor Center, x1148 or Deanna.L.Hickman@nasa.gov

New Dry Cleaning Pick-Up and Drop-Off Schedule

The dry cleaner's pick-up/drop-off schedule has been reduced to once a week.

Items dropped off at the Exchange Store, Bldg. E-2, by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday can be picked up the following Tuesday. There will no longer be any Friday service.

Should you have any questions call Karen Shannon at x2020 or Karen Thornes at x2040.

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